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SUBJ: COMIDEASTFOR VISIT TO COLOMBO, MAY 31 TO JUNE 4, 1973

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FOR ADMIRAL HANKS FROM AMBASSADOR VAN HOLLEN

1. YOUR VISIT HERE LAST WEEK WAS MOST HELPFUL IN ACHIEVEMENT OF US OBJECTIVES IN SRI LANKA. YOUR VERY EFFECTIVE PERSONAL TALKS WITH DEFENSE SERVICE HEADS CERTAINLY PROMOTED GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF US MILITARY POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST AND INDIAN OCEAN ON PART OF KEY FIGURES IN SRI LANKA MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. DINNER ON BOARD FLAGSHIP FOR SERVICE CHIEFS WAS OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF NAVY HOSPITALITY WHICH CEYLONese OBVIOUSLY ENJOYED. AND EXCELLENT LASALLE ROCK BAND WAS A MAGNIFICANT PLUS THAT ENABLED US REACH SRI LANKA YOUTH, EVEN ON BASICALLY ANTI- WESTERN COLLEGE CAMPUS. PLEASE EXPRESS MY WARMEST APPRECIATION TO BAND- MEMBERS.

2. THANKS AGAIN FOR THIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONAL EFFORT. MY THANKS ALSO TO YOUR EXCELLENT STAFF AND FLAGSHIP.

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3. ELIZA AND I WERE DELIGHTED TO MEET YOU AND YOUR LOVELY  
WIFE SKIP AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BOTH AGAIN IN THE  
NOT- TOO- DISTANT FUTURE.  
VAN HOLLEN

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